# **EXHIBIT L**

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

LEMON BAY PARTNERS, LLP,	) Case No. 1:05-cv-00327-GMS
Plaintiff,	) )
- against -	) )
BRUCE L. HAMMONDS, KENNETH A. VECCHIONE, RICHARD K. STRUTHERS, JOHN R. COCHRAN, III, LANCE L. WEAVER, CHARLES C. KRULAK, MICHAEL G. RHODES, JOHN W. SCHEFLEN, JAMES H. BERICK, MARY M. BOIES, BENJAMIN R. CIVILETTI, WILLIAM ) L. JEWS, RANDOLPH D. LERNER, STUART ) L. MARKOWITZ, WILLIAM B. MILSTEAD, LAURA S. UNGER AND THOMAS G. MURDOUGH,	
Defendants,	
- and -	
MBNA CORP.,	
Nominal Defendant.	, }

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DONALD F. BENOIT, Derivatively On Behalf ) of MBNA CORPORATION,	Case No. 1:05-cv-00361-GMS
Plaintiff,	
vs.	
BRUCE L. HAMMONDS, JOHN R. COCHRAN, III, RICHARD K. STRUTHERS, KENNETH A. VECCHIONE, LANCE L. WEAVER, CHARLES C. KRULAK, MICHAEL G. RHODES, JOHN W. SCHEFLEN, JAMES H. BERICK, MARY M. BOIES, BENJAMIN R. CIVILETTI, WILLIAM ) L. JEWS, RANDOLPH D. LERNER, STUART ) L. MARKOWITZ, WILLIAM B. MILSTEAD, LAURA S. UNGER AND THOMAS G. MURDOUGH,	
Defendants,	
- and -	
MBNA CORPORATION, a Maryland corporation,	) )
Nominal Defendant.	, }

STIPULATED ORDER CONSOLIDATING ACTIONS AND APPOINTING CO-LEAD COUNSEL

#### TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

Pursuant to the agreement of the parties, as evidenced by the signature of counsel hereto, and subject to Court approval, and in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 42, it is hereby ordered:

- 1. There are presently two related shareholder derivative actions against certain of the officers and directors of MBNA Corporation ("MBNA") pending in this Court.
- 2. In an effort to ensure consistent rulings and decisions and avoid unnecessary duplication of effort, all parties in the related MBNA shareholder derivative actions currently pending in this Court enter into this stipulation.
- 3. The following actions involve common questions of law and fact and therefore are consolidated for all purposes, including pre-trial proceedings and trial, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a):

Abbreviated Case Name	Case Number	Date Filed
Lemon Bay Partners v. Hammonds, et al.	1:05-cv-00327-GMS	May 25, 2005
Benoit v. Hammonds, et al.	1:05-cv-00361-GMS	June 6, 2005

4. Every pleading filed in these consolidated actions, or in any separate action included herein, shall bear the following caption:

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

IN RE MBNA CORPORATION DERIVATIVE AND CLASS LITIGATION	) Lead Case No. 1:05-cv-00327-GMS ) )
This Document Relates To:	
ALL ACTIONS.	}

- The files of these consolidated actions shall be maintained in one file under Lead 5. Case File No. 1:05-cy-00327-GMS.
- Plaintiffs shall file a Consolidated Derivative and Class Complaint ("Complaint") no 6. later than 60 days from the date of entry of this Order, unless otherwise agreed between the parties and approved by the Court, which shall be deemed the operative complaint, superceding all complaints filed in any of the actions consolidated hereunder. Defendants shall have 60 days after the filing and service of the Complaint to answer, move to dismiss or otherwise respond to the Complaint. In the event that defendants file and serve a motion to dismiss the Complaint, plaintiffs shall file and serve their answering brief within 45 days after the service of defendants' motion. If defendants file and serve a reply to plaintiffs' answering brief, they will do so within 30 days after plaintiffs' service of their answering brief.
  - 7. The Co-Lead Counsel for plaintiffs in these consolidated actions is:

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8. Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel shall have authority to speak for plaintiffs in matters regarding pre-trial procedure, trial and settlement negotiations and shall make all work assignments in such manner as to facilitate the orderly and efficient prosecution of this litigation and to avoid duplicative or unproductive effort.

- 9. Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel shall be responsible for coordinating all activities and appearances on behalf of plaintiffs and for the dissemination of notices and orders of this Court. No motion, request for discovery, or other pre-trial or trial proceedings shall be initiated or filed by any plaintiffs except through plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel.
  - 10. The Liaison Counsel for plaintiffs in these consolidated actions is:

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- Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel shall be available and responsible for communications by plaintiffs to and from this Court, including distributing orders and other directions from the Court to plaintiffs' counsel. Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a master service list of all parties and their respective counsel.
- 12. Defendants' counsel may rely upon all agreements made with any of plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel, or other duly authorized representative of plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel, and such agreements shall be binding on plaintiffs.
- 13. Defendants' counsel shall appear for and accept service on behalf of each of their clients not already served without waiving any jurisdictional rights.
- 14. This Order shall apply to each shareholder derivative and state law based class action arising out of the same or substantially the same transactions or events as these cases that is subsequently filed in, removed to or transferred to this Court.

When a case which properly belongs as part of the In re MBNA Corporation 15. Derivative and Class Litigation, Lead Case No. 1:05-cv-00327-GMS, is hereafter filed in the Court or transferred here from another court, this Court requests the assistance of counsel in calling to the attention of the clerk of the Court the filing or transfer of any case which might properly be consolidated as part of the In re MBNA Corporation Derivative and Class Litigation, Lead Case No.1:05-cv-00327-GMS, and counsel are to assist in assuring that counsel in subsequent actions receive notice of this Order.

DATED: August 2, 2005

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### ORDER

The above stipulation having been considered, and good cause appearing therefore, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED

HONORABLE GREGORY M. SLEET DISTRICT COURT JUDGE